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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 CSG WA LLC, on behalf of NOLEEN
11 MELNIKOV and SERGEY MELNIKOV,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 TIMOTHY PATRICK HARRINGTON, *et al.*,

15 Defendants.

16 CASE NO. C21-0143-JCC

17 MINUTE ORDER

18 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
19 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

20 This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. It appears that Plaintiffs, Noleen and
21 Sergey Melnikov, are represented by Michael Williams and/or CSG WA LLC in this matter.
22 Strict rules govern who can represent a litigant in federal court. Generally, the only permissible
23 representative is a licensed and admitted attorney. *See C.E. Pope Equity Trust v. United States*,
24 818 F.2d 696, 697–98 (9th Cir. 1987). Moreover, absent appropriate representation, a party’s
25 filings must be signed by *that party*. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a). The Court will not accept filings
26 signed by Michael Williams or CSG WA LLC on Plaintiffs’ behalf. Accordingly, the Court
STRIKES the complaint signed by Mr. Williams (Dkt. No. 1). Plaintiffs must refile their
complaint, properly signed and filed by themselves or a permissible representative, within

twenty-one (21) days of this order or this matter will be dismissed without prejudice. The Clerk is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to CSG WA LLC and Mr. and Mrs. Melnikov.

DATED this 5th day of February 2021.

William M. McCool
Clerk of Court

s/Paula McNabb
Deputy Clerk